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Runner Warns ‘Beware of Misleading Business Solicitations’

George Runner, Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today reminded taxpayers to be wary of misleading business solicitations from companies that mimic official correspondence from a governmental agency.

“For California business owners it’s tough enough dealing with real government agencies without having to deal with fake ones too,” said Senator Runner. “We need to make sure California Businesses aren’t being misled.”

Recently, businesses in California have reported to the BOE that they have received notices from the “California Labor Compliance Bureau,” requesting immediate payment of a “processing fee” of \$275. The California Labor Compliance Bureau is not a government agency. The notices use publicly available information such as BOE account numbers and industry codes to make them appear to be official correspondence.

The “processing fee” is purportedly for labor-related notices that California employers are required to post at their business premises informing employees of their legal rights under the National Labor Relations Act. The notices in question are available free of charge from the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) on their website here:

<https://www.nlr.gov/poster>.

The BOE is not affiliated in any way with the California Labor Compliance Bureau. Correspondence from the BOE will always feature the BOE’s title and/or logo and contain contact information. If you receive a notice and question whether it is official BOE correspondence, you should contact your local BOE office (a list of contact numbers for BOE field offices can be found here: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/phone.htm>), or contact the BOE’s Information Call Center at 800-400-7115.

The NLRB can assist businesses with questions regarding required notices at 202-273-0064.

Elected in November 2010, taxpayer advocate George Runner represents the Second District of the Board of Equalization. Runner was sworn in as Second District Board Member on January 3, 2011. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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